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SUBJ: ISRAELI PARLIAMENTARIANS ON INTERIM AGREEMENT

GENEVA AND BONN FOR SECY PARTY

1. MEMBERS OF KNESSET FROM VARIOUS PARTIES IN COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS TODAY WITH EMBOFF EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT INTERIM AGREEMENT IF APPROVED BY CABINET WILL CARRY IN KNESSET. WITH RABIN'S ENDORSEMENT KNESSET MEMBERS BELIEVED THAT THE AGREEMENT THEN WOULD RECEIVE THE SUPPORT OF AT LEAST 60-64 MK'S AND THAT NO MORE THAN 42-45 WOULD VOTE AGAINST IT WITH THE REMAINDER PROBABLY ABSTAINING.

2. IN THEIR ASSESSMENT OF PARTY POSITIONS THERE WAS A BROAD CONSENSUS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: A) WITHIN THE GOVERNING COALITION: OF THE 53 VOTES OF THE LABOR ALIGNMENT, ALL WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT THE AGREEMENT EXCEPT FIVE RAFI MEMBERS (DAYAN, BEN PORAT, GEZ, KOREN AND HURWITZ) WHO WOULD EITHER VOTE AGAINST OR ABSTAIN B) OF 9 OR 10 NATIONAL PARTY VOTES (A REPLACEMENT FOR MINISTER HAZANI, WHO DIED LAST WEEK, IS YET TO BE NAMED), ALL BUT THE YOUTH GROUP (BEN MEIR AND HAMMER) WOULD VOTE FOR; THE FOUR INDEPENDENT LIBERAL PARTY MEMBERS WOULD ALSO SUPPORT AGREEMENT. C) AS REGARDS THE NON-COALITION PARTIES, THE 38 LIKUD MEMBERS CAN BE COUNTED TO VOTE AGAINST (POSSIBLY ONE OR TWO CONFIDENTIAL

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ABSTENTIONS); THE AGUDA RELIGIOUS FRONT WILL PROBABLY SPLIT,

WITH TWO OR THREE VOTING FOR, AND THE OTHERS ABSTAINING OR VOTING AGAINST. AS REGARDS THE PARTIES OF THE LEFT, -- YAAD, RAKAH AND MOKED AND INDEPENDENT MEMER HALEVI--THEY WILL EITHER ABSTAIN AS PROTEST THAT AGREEMENT WAS NOT MORE FAR REACHING IN NATURE OR VOTE FOR. IN ANY EVENT THEY WOULD ABSTAIN ONLY AFTER HAVING ASSURED THEMSELVES THAT AGREEMENT WOULD PASS.

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